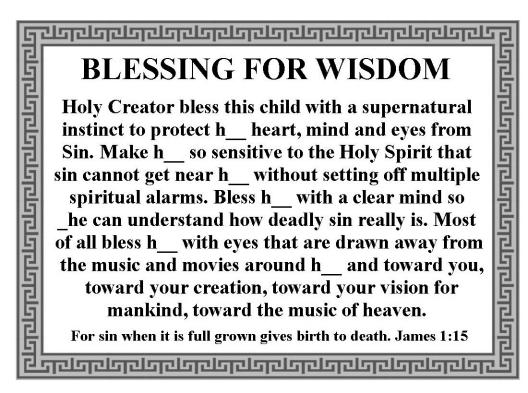
Dear Parent: Weekly or daily blessings are a way to remind your children that they are important to you. If you don't have time or peace of mind to write your own we invite you to use ours.

For maximum effect place one hand on a child's head or shoulder, or perhaps place the blessing card where you can see it and clasp both hands. Then read the blessing.



Blessings help a child see our deepest dreams for them. They remind both parent and child to look to God for help. A weekly or daily blessing is also a memory to last a lifetime.

For MORE reasons to use blessing cards see inside front cover.

#### **Fourteen Reasons to use Blessing Cards**

**1.** Blessing a child or grandchild as he is leaving your company reminds him or her that they will be "in your thoughts and prayers".

2. Blessings give a child spiritual strength because God adds his POWER to our words.

3. It is what Jesus did. "he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them." Mark 10:16

4. Blessings give both parent and child something to aim for.

5. Blessings are a window which allows our children to see the love in our hearts, a love that is often blurred by the business of daily life.

6. Reading a blessing card can help both parent and child be more receptive to God's Holy Spirit.

7. There is no better one on one time than blessing a child.

8. A parents faith is mostly invisible. Speaking a blessing makes it something a child can see.

9. A habit of blessing a child each morning is an anchor for both parent and child.

10. Blessings can be used like credit cards. Give a few to each child and allow them to cash them in when they feel the need.

11. Hurtful, harmful words cannot be erased...they must be replaced.

12. Blessings give a child a memory to hold onto...for the day and for a lifetime.

13. Preprinted cards helps silent types find the right words. Blessing your spouse lifts her and you.

14. Blessings help a child put his troubles in perspective.

Jesus came to save us from many things, from sin and hell but also from ourselves, from fear and loneliness, anger and shame, poverty and illness, ignorance and and doubt, from loss, fear, greed and a host of other human problems. Childhood is filled with all these problems and many more. It is our prayer that the blessings in this book are said over millions of children and that if we have missed anything you will let us know by sending an email to partner@bibleparent.com.

There are three sets of blessings in this little book. The first set are blessings I wrote for some very special children. The second set are scriptural blessings taken from the Bible.

The third set are blessings for married couples. The fourth set is traditional blessings from other countries.

## This first blessing is for the neediest of all children, the abused child. May we all pray for each of them.

#### **BLESSING FOR AN ABUSED CHILD**

Father God, your son, Jesus, was perfect. He was good and kind and Holy but while he was on earth people insulted him, took his clothes, beat him and left him naked and alone with no one to help or stop the hurt. You spoke to your child and he knew that he was good and Holy no matter what people did to him. Bless this child with knowledge that \_he is good and kind and Holy in your eyes just like Jesus. Stir h\_\_ Heart Lord so \_he understands that the same power that raised Christ from the dead is now working to heal h\_\_. Memory by memory set h\_\_ free of the past. Scripture by scripture strengthen h\_\_ to fight evil wherever \_he finds it.

He healeth the broken in heart. Psalm 147:3

Dr. Ross Campbell winner of the Presidents award for pediatrics and author of "How to Really Love your Child" and "Kid's in Danger" states that the number one danger to almost any child is his own anger.

### Blessing for a child trapped In anger

Father I bring you \_\_\_\_\_\_ for your blessing. Bless h\_\_ in h\_\_ anger before it harms h\_\_ soul. Bless h\_\_\_ with friends who will listen to h\_\_\_ feelings and keep h\_\_\_ company. Help h\_\_ know that anger is a burden no one can carry alone. Remind h\_\_\_Jesus when h\_\_\_ anger is leading h\_\_\_ to sin against others or against h\_\_\_ own soul, to turn to you. Help H\_\_\_ to See you. WHEN \_HE WANTS TO HIT, HIT, HIT, HELP HIM TO TALK, TALK, TALK, to you, to me, to anyone you send to walk with h\_\_\_ thru the cloud of anger into the LIGHT of understanding. Bless h\_\_\_ father with strength but also with gentleness.

Be ye kind to one another. Ephesians 4:3

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# **Blessing for Loss**

Father I bring you \_\_\_\_\_ who needs your help to understand Loss. You lost your son so you know how this child feels. Bless h\_\_ with eyes to see what \_he still has, your constant love and a beautiful world around h\_\_. Bless h\_\_ with Hope Father so that \_he knows you will help h\_\_ build or find something new for you are the God of New things. Most of all Father bless h\_\_ with friends who know how it feels to lose something or someone. Help h\_\_ put h\_\_ feelings into words so \_he can talk to you and others, sometimes about old things but especially new.

God shall wipe away all tears. Revelations 21:4

The one blessing even more important than our first three is a blessing for the unsaved or doubting child. The second blessing on this page is for boys. Parents tell boys "no" five times as often as girls and we do so without 'comfort', or 'explanation'. The only father many boys will have is our Father in Heaven. We pray this blessing helps.

### FOR AN UNSAVED OR DOUBTING CHILD

Holy Spirit, God with us, be real to this child so \_he will know that you are real. Help h\_\_ see beyond the solid walls and solid earth to your solid love and wondrous power which hold all earthly things in place. May your great and wondrous spirit whisper to h\_\_ spirit the meaning of Christ and of salvation. Bless h\_\_ with CURIOSITY Lord so that \_he will search for you every day of h\_\_ life. May every miracle of nature fill h\_\_ mind with questions about you. May every word of scripture make h\_\_ want to know you better.

... he rewards those who earnestly seek him. Hebrews 11:6

#### **BLESSING FOR A BOY**

Father, bless this male child, this one who is becoming a man. Fix his eyes on Christ, his mind on Scripture. Bind his hands to helping others. Make his spirit strong and his heart tender. Anchor his feet in the world we cannot see and let his daily prayer be: "On earth as it is in heaven." Bless him with a vision of who you are for without this vision he cannot know what men are meant to be and do.

I will instruct thee and teach thee...Psalm 32:8

Poverty and sickness are experienced by millions of children each year...especially the children of divorce. We hope both these blessings are used for as many

as NEED them.

#### FOR A POOR CHILD, Or a material one,

Father God, Creator God, I bring \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to you for your RICHEST blessing, not money, or clothes or even fame or good health. I ask that you bless h\_\_\_\_\_ with an inner knowledge of how much you love h\_\_\_. Give h\_\_\_\_ a curiosity to truly understand the Bible and how it works for us in real life. Guide h\_\_\_\_\_ toward you and the greatest reward of all...the gift of your Holy Spirit. BLESS h\_\_\_\_ FATHER TO SEE THE INVISIBLE RICHES OF HEAVEN: GREAT FAITH, GREAT HOPE AND GREAT LOVE.

Have ye received the Holy Ghost? Acts 19:2

### FOR A SICK CHILD

Lord of healing, bless \_\_\_\_\_\_ with assurance that you have a plan for h\_\_\_future. Bless h\_\_\_with strength when \_he is in pain. Bless h\_\_\_with patience when \_he is confused. Help h\_\_\_hear your voice in h\_\_\_dreams and in h\_\_\_heart. Bless h\_\_\_soul to understand that you are a healer of both spirits and bodies. Bless h\_\_\_with the surety that you are the lord of sickness and of health, always teaching, always loving, always comforting. Bless h\_\_\_with certainty that Immanuel truly means GOD WITH US.

He shall cover thee with his feathers: Psalm 91:4

A child's self image comes largely from those around him or her.. When it comes from a person you love a disapproving look or word can be as bad as being called "a worthless no go so and so" by a stranger. Use this blessing to remind your children that they are precious to you and to Jesus.

#### **Blessing for a Sense of Worth**

Father I bring \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for your greatest blessing, the certain knowledge that YOU love h\_\_\_. There are many voices in all our ears that call us worthless, useless, stubborn, bad or even ugly. Help h\_\_\_ Father to hear only your voice saying: "You are worth more to me than my own life. Jesus let each new name is called and each new hurt to h\_\_ heart make h\_\_ stronger...strong enough to lift others

who are put down and called names.

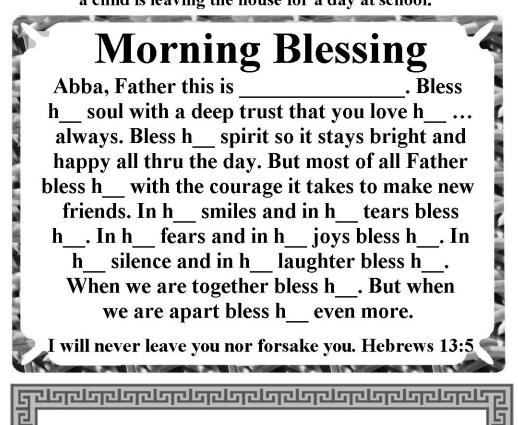
"Blessed are you when people insult you... Matt.5:11

### **Blessing for a Worker**

Lord of life bless this child with a servants heart and and a certain knowledge that serving you is the path to eternal greatness. Open h\_\_ eyes to see the NEEDS of those around h\_\_ and strengthen h\_\_ hands to meet those needs. Enrich h\_\_ with a special joy in all \_he does for joy is the coin you pay your laborers. Pour your spirit on h\_\_ so \_he understands what it is to serve in your strength and not h\_\_ own. May \_he hear your voice at the end of each task speaking in h\_\_ heart: "Well done my good and faithful servant."

I will show you my faith by what I do. James 2:18

Fear is a child's constant companion. Of all our blessings this is the one they like best...the one they ask for most. We paired it with the morning blessing because they are both great for when a child is leaving the house for a day at school.



## **Blessing for Fear**

Father I bring you \_\_\_\_\_ for your special blessing, the blessing of a trusting heart. Help him understand that it is not h\_\_\_ Father or Mother who care for h\_\_\_ most but you, the father of h\_\_\_ spirit. When \_he is confused or afraid bless h\_\_\_ with the knowledge that you are with h\_\_. Help h\_\_\_ KNOW you are the one \_he can count on. As you bless h\_\_ may \_he learn what it means to be a blessing to others.

Take unto you the whole armor of God. Ephesians 6:13

Not all blessings must be formal and serious. We offer the following as examples of fun or cheerful blessings. You might try having brothers or sisters memorize them and when there is trouble insist they bless one another.

# May you have: No frost on your spuds, No worms on your cabbage. May your goat give plenty of milk. And if you inherit a donkey, May she be in foal.

A cheerful heart is good medicine. Proverbs 17:22

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## AN OLD IRISH BLESSING

May there always be work for your hands to do; May your purse always hold a coin or two; May the sun always shine on your windowpane; May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain; May the hand of a friend always be near you; May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.

Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, 1 Peter 3:9



We are starting with blessings from the Bible. We hope you try also some of the blessings written for specific children over the last thirty or so years.

# Blessing from 2 Corinthians 13:14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you...

He healeth the broken in heart. Psalm 147:3

## Blessing from Hebrews 13:20-21

May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus

Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. Nearly every blessing in scripture and in this little book begins with the words "May God" or "Lord Jesus. Without God, blessings are nothing but words. As you speak expect God to add his power.

